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Applicants: L.W. Graham et al. Attorney Docket No. SEMT116060
Application No.: 09/429,446 Group Art Unit: 1742
Filed: October 28, 1999 Examiner: W.T. Leader
Title: METHOD, CHEMISTRY, AND APPARATUS FOR NOBLE METAL
ELECTROPLATING ON A MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101
July 23, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

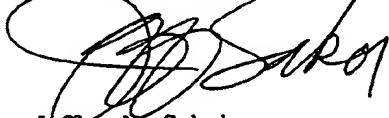
Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the Final Office Action, dated March 24, 2004, set to expire on June 24, 2004, be extended by one month to expire on July 24, 2004.

Enclosed is our check No. 156929 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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